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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Tuesday, March 13, 2007 3 p.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 9 a.m.
Nature of Event: Media Day for Avalanche Dog Training
Location of Call: Squaw Valley USA Ski Resort
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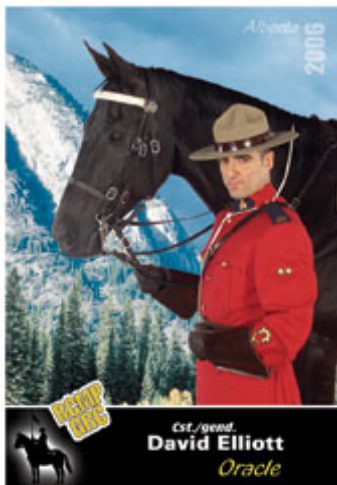
SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Members of the media are invited to observe the Placer County Sheriff Department's avalanche-dog certification training on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at the Squaw Valley USA ski resort. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be on hand to provide training and certification to these highly specialized teams.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are in Placer County for the weeklong exercises to train and certify professional ski patrol officers and their canine counterparts, who are members of PACT, or Placer Avalanche Canine Team.

Meet at 9 a.m. in front of the tram building at Squaw Valley. Transportation will be provided to the top of the mountain where the certification exercises are being held. The training includes ski patrollers and their dogs being loaded into a helicopter, and then transported to a mock scene. They must then ski out of the back country and return to their base.

For more information, contact PIO Dena Erwin at the above-listed phone numbers.



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